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Mr. William H. Young  
President  
National Association of Letter  
Carriers, AFL-CIO  
100 Indiana Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20001-2144

Re: E94N-4E-C 98045164  
Class Action  
Pasco, WA 99301-9998

Dear Mr. Young:

Recently, our representatives met in prearbitration discussion of the above-referenced grievance.


The issue in this grievance is whether a controlled delivery performed by a postal inspector wearing a city letter carrier uniform violates Article 14 of the National Agreement.

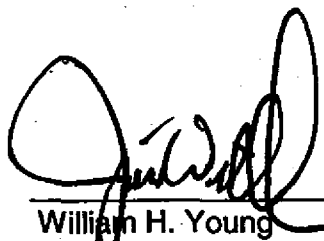
After reviewing this matter, we mutually agree to settle this case based on the following understanding:

The decision to conduct a controlled delivery is a coordinated determination made by appropriate Inspection Service authority. Postal inspectors are the only personnel authorized to perform a controlled delivery of mail, and inspectors are the only authorized law enforcement officials allowed to use USPS uniforms. Inspectors will not use carriers for controlled deliveries or investigative activities. Obtaining information from employees, which the employees have or could have gathered in the normal course of their duties without causing or increasing the potential for harm to them, is permitted.

Please sign and return the enclosed copy of this decision as acknowledgment of your agreement to settle this grievance, removing it from the national arbitration listing.

Sincerely,

  
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Doug A. Tulino  
Manager  
Labor Relations Policies  
and Programs

  
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William H. Young  
President  
National Association of Letter  
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Date: 11/6/03